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Subject ORV Committee Comments

Damon:

Please place the following comments on the ORVAC web site.

Thanks

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LYLE MCCANDLESS COMMENTS TO ORVAC

If I were an ORV Advisory Committee member I think I would be wondering when the Committee is going to be involved in the Addition Lands ORV trail system. The Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance is finaling a map of the existing sustainable ORV trails in the Addition Lands North and South of the Alley as well as the mile wide strip by SR 29. This ORV trail map will show many more sustainable ORV trails than the minimum 139 miles shown in the "So Called" Preferred Alternative. Just for the record Pedro has stated in public meetings that there were only 139 total miles of sustainable trails. We have ridden our bikes down many trails that are completely sustainable. These trails are not grown over, showing that there has been much continuous traffic in the Addition Lands. It appears that the only people who have missed out on the Addition Lands over the past 20 years are those of us who obey the rules.

When asked why there are no ORV trails shown in the mile wide strip between SR 29 and Bear Island Pedro's answer was "Trails in this area were not requested by the public". How many times over the past thirty years have we stated that we expect ORV trails in ALL of the existing Preserve and Addition Lands as per the legislation. Makes one wonder why ORV trails are shown North and South of the Alley but mysteriously no shown in the strip by SR 29, smells fishy to me.

The final Alternative is going to come out in the next few months showing the maximum number of ORV trails to be allowed in the Addition Lands. This will have been done with no input from the public or the ORVAC as to specific individual ORV trails. The NPS has structured the Alternatives A thru F to suit their overly restrictive mandate and simply told the public to pick their poison.

This ORV trail map we are producing showing the true number of existing sustainable ORV trails in the Addition Lands will be available shortly. The ORVAC must get involved. You are being ignored in this process no different the way the NPS has ignored the FWC over the past many years.